

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following on Page 1, between lines 1 and 3 (below the title):

-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention --

Please revise the paragraph beginning on Page 1, line 3 to read as follows:

--The invention relates to a medicinal or dental hand instrument ~~according to the preamble of Claim~~
~~1, 17, 20 or 21.~~--

Please insert the following on Page 1, between lines 5 and 7:

-- 2. Discussion of the Prior Art --

Please insert the following on Page 2, between lines 24 and 26:

-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

Please revise the paragraph beginning on Page 2, line 26 to read as follows:

--The object of the invention is, in the case of a hand instrument of the type described ~~in the~~
~~preamble of Claim 1~~, to simplify and improve upon the coupling means for coupling to the supply
line.--

Please delete line 31 of Page 2 in its entirety.

Please revise the paragraph beginning on Page 3, line 23 to read as follows:

--It is a further object of the invention to design a medicinal or dental hand instrument of the type described ~~in the preamble of Claim 17~~ so as to facilitate simpler and improved handling.--

Please delete line 28 of Page 3 in its entirety.

Please revise the paragraph beginning on Page 4, line 25 to read as follows:

--Therefore, it is a further object of the invention to design a hand instrument of the type described ~~in the preamble of Claim 20 and/or 21~~ in such a manner that the respective body part can be purposively treated and/or the hand instrument can be adapted to the particular treatment required.--

Please delete line 31 of Page 4 in its entirety.

Please revise the paragraph beginning on Page 4, line 34 to Page 5, line 10 to read as follows:

--In accordance with ~~Claim 2~~ the invention, a plurality of therapeutic agents having different removing capacities can selectively be used. In this way different coatings and/or discolourations can be treated with a therapeutic agent having a greater or lesser removing capacity, on the one hand with the correct power level and on the other hand gently and thus purposively, e.g. using a therapeutic agent having a fine, medium or coarse removing capacity. Here it should be kept in mind that, in particular in the case of treatment with a coarse-acting therapeutic agent, depending upon the aggressiveness of the therapeutic agent a slight erosion of tooth substance is likely. This can be avoided or reduced to a minimum by means of invention.--

Please delete line 21 of Page 5 in its entirety.

Please revise the paragraph beginning on Page 5, line 23 to read as follows:

--In the an embodiment according to ~~Claim 24~~ the invention, in functional operation the interior of the hand piece is subjected to excess pressure which prevents impurities and pathogenic organisms from penetrating through crevices and gaps.--

Please revise the paragraph beginning on Page 5, line 28 to read as follows:

--It is a further object of the invention to design a hand instrument of the type described ~~in the preamble of Claim 25~~ in such a manner that contamination of the coupling is prevented.--

Please delete line 33 of Page 5 in its entirety.

Please revise the paragraph beginning on Page 6, line 5 to read as follows:

--It is a further object of the invention to design a hand instrument of the type described ~~in the preamble of Claim 27~~ in such a manner, independently of the position of the hand instrument, a substantially uniform mixture of the carrier fluid and the abrasive therapeutic agent is obtained.--

Please revise the paragraph beginning on Page 6, line 12 to read as follows:

--~~This object is fulfilled by the features of Claim 27.~~ In this embodiment the inlet opening for the transport fluid and the inner outlet opening for the mixture are situated in the central region of the accommodating chamber of the storage container. In this way these openings are situated in a region of the accommodating chamber in which, independently of the position of the hand instrument, a

substantially uniform mixture quantity and concentration can discharge through the inner outlet opening. This is of considerable advantage as during the treatment the hand instrument can be held in different positions in particular in the mouth cavity of a patient, and nevertheless a substantially constant mixture is outlet from the outlet opening of the handle.--

Please insert the following on Page 6, between lines 31 and 33:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

Please insert the following on Page 7, between lines 11 and 13:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--